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Application No. 09/770,942

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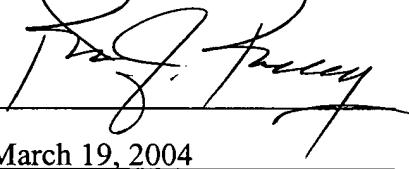
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Two-month Extension of Time					\$210.00
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Respectfully submitted,

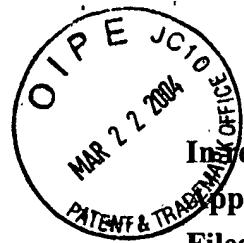
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action dated December 19, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making an answer due by March 19, 2004.

Applicant thanks Examiner Frank for granting the interview conducted on March 17, 2004. A summary of this interview is provided in the Remarks that follow.

Please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.